

**FIVE COUNTY
LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Minutes
July 15, 2009
11:30 am-1 p.m.

**Southwest Behavioral Health Center
3rd Floor Conference Room
474 West 200 North
St. George, UT**

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>REPRESENTING:</u>
Mayor Mary Reep	Mayor of Apple Valley
Heidi Miller (on phone)	Cedar City Housing Authority
Jane Lewis	FCAOG
Frank Yoder	Resource & Re-entry
Katy Peterson	DOVE Center
Judy Robbins	Dixie Care & Share
Mike Barben	St. George Housing Authority
Lloyd Pendleton	State Office of Community and Culture
Bill Woods	Iron County Care & Share
Sherri Dial	FCAOG
Sue Kimball	Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation
Tami Fullerton	Juvenile Justice Services
Stephanie Volker	Southwest Center
Kara Coop	Dixie Care and Share
Jordi Roesti-Drew	Red Rock Center for Independence
Colleen Tucker	Job Corps
Kathy Leydsman	DWS
Lynn Jorgensen	Veterans Administration
Madonna Melton	DOVE center
Dixie Spencer	TLC

Welcome & Introductions

Mayor Mary Reep

Approval of the Agenda

- Bill Woods moved to approve the agenda with Kara Coop seconding
- Unanimously approved and adopted

Approval of the Minutes

- Changes
 - Changes the K to a C in Kara's name
 - Change incomplete sentence in part III.
- Moved to approve with changes by Bill Woods seconded by Kara Coop
 - Minutes approved unanimously

Continuum of Care updates

Bill Woods

Report on homeless pilot project

The pilot program is full and no one is ready to leave.

Heidi Miller provided information on two openings in transitional housing for families. They just need to come and complete the application process.

ICCS also has one male and one female opening in their transitional housing as well.

State information

Lloyd Pendleton

CAP funding for the Five County area has been distributed already.

HPRP- the state received \$5 million and will distribute the funds according to the point in time count.

About \$600,000 + will be coming to the five county area.

Need to focus on those who are precariously housed. Focus on the individuals who will end up on the street.

HMIS requirements are the same for all the funding sources.

Trying to standardize the reporting for all homeless programs throughout the state.

HMIS will be given more technical support to make sure the correct reports can be created.

The CAP organizations have a data base and Jonathan is working to create a bridge so the data from DBA Facspro can be linked into HMIS. Nexus will become the database for the shelter. Kara expresses concern that they will still need to use both because of the Food Pantry. Multiple databases will be used until they can be integrated.

The funds should be available until Oct 1 because Oct 10 a report is due for the past quarter. Waiting until the 1st will simplify reporting.

The money goes for three years, the state is going 2 ½ years so the reporting can be completed. 60% has to be used in the first 2 years.

Who will get the funding. The state could send out an RFP but this is a cumbersome process and the state is aware of what programs do in the areas. The questions the state is going to ask is who already does rapid re-housing and prevention. The "no wrong door" philosophy will be part of the agreement.

Unique TANF funds will also be available to assist with homelessness prevention.

The important question is how to access the different funding mechanism effectively.

TANF works only with families with children. They need an eligible child.

McKinney-Vento Reauthorization

We need to coordinate so the funds are used most effectively.

Who wants to take on the funding and reporting process? This will be resolved at the state as they determine who will manage the funding. The details are still in discussion. The focus is rapid re-housing and preventing homelessness. The state wants the homeless numbers to be reduced.

The state is going to set up guidelines and provide the funds to 1-3 agencies to manage the funding. But the funding should be considered for all the agencies.

Subcommittee meeting needed and there is one in Salt Lake on the July 21st (10-12) & Aug 4th.

Ending Chronic Homelessness by 2014 report update

Sherri Dial

The report is completed and will be distributed. Lloyd Pendleton and Mayor Reep will present the plan to the steering committee and then turn it in to the state.

COC meeting is the 14th in the afternoon

VA Voucher updates

Lynn Jorgensen

Lynn is not present. So the item is table until next month.

Housing Committee Update

Ty Tippets

Ty is not present but Frank Yoder updated the information. Volunteers of America met and said they would be happy to be involved but they needed to take the situation to the state.

CCHI has some new funding that is for foreclosure houses. The revitalization funding is \$175,000 to revitalize reposed housing for low income housing.

DWS Updates

Kathy Leydsman

Stimulus funding with DWS. This program helps youth who are 18-24 which expands the youth program. The goal is to get individuals back into the work force quickly. They received about \$5 million at the state and then the region (from Manti south) was allocated 61 'slots' for service. Washington County enrolled 20 youth and Iron County enrolled 15. The focus was green jobs and the money went to the company to pay about 80% of the wage of the individual hired. The slots are full but they have asked for more slots to be open in the area. Handed out a flyer.

Stimulus for adults and displaced workers was also provided to DWS. A substantial amount of funds, more than the regular budgets was added for helping individual to find employment. These programs make the individuals much more employable.

Criteria is low income. DWS does not create a job but they support the local business to provide jobs and help individuals to be more marketable. Can work with individuals who are felons. Programs are available in all five counties.

Flyer on how to find a job and don't forget to search jobs.utah.gov

DWS have made application for programs much easier. Individuals can apply online and receive their services with a phone interview. There are many more individuals who are searching for jobs.

Information

Sherri Dial

211 Database

- Updating their data base with an IRIS database. It is an interactive database with easier search criteria. Handout 211 flyer.
- Please register the correct information for each agency.
- 211 is the health dept resource for H1N1 virus.
- **Special Needs registry** –we need to assist individual and agencies to register individual who will need assistance in an emergency.

Foreclosure Prevention information

- Handout book
- Renters now have a 90 day grace period in a foreclosure situation.

Other Updates

ADA Celebration Handout

Jordi Roesti-Drew

Southern Utah Unity Summit October 26, 2009 contact Melissa at Red Rock Center for Independence at 435-673-7501 for further information.

There is a need for a subcommittee meeting for the HPRP funds. Included should be Dixie Care and Share, ICCS, R&RC, DOVE etc.

Move to close the meeting.

Next meetings:

September 16, 2009

November 18, 2009

February 17, 2010